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76 Adelaide St.W.
5th November 1918.

Sir Robt.Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO.

Dear Sir Robert:-

I happen to be President this year of the Electric Club of Toronto which meets at the Prince George Hotel for luncheon every Friday. It is on the same plan as the Canadian Club except that the membership is drawn from those connected with the electrical industries of the city. The attendance is from 80 to 100.

We are endeavoring to make the program instructive as well as interesting and the Executive will feel very much obliged if you will speak at one of these meetings.

I quite appreciate the pressure upon your time and it is perhaps not fair to ask you to address a comparatively small audience but if you can conveniently do so it will confer a great favor upon the Club.

We would leave both date and subject to your own choice.

Kindly let me know whether we may look forward to the pleasure of having you as our guest.

Yours truly,

H. J. Thurstan

President.

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November 6th, 1918

E. J. Dunstan, Esq.,

The Electric Club,

76 Adelaide Street West,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Dunstan:

I shall be very glad to speak at one of the luncheons of the Electric Club on some Friday, though the next four Fridays are all occupied. To fact the next five. I think I shall have to ask you to make it perhaps the 13th or the 20th of December, unless we run over into the New Year. Even the 13th is likely to be a heavy day I find on turning up my book.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 11th, 1918

E. J. Constant, Esq.,
Electric Club,
Adelaide Street West, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Constant:

I will put down a fixture for January 24th at one o'clock for the Electrical Club, and unless some important engagement arises to take me out of town I see no likelihood of my having to change the date, but in any case I will let you know in good time.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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January 11th, 1919

K. J. Dunstan, Esq.,

Electrical Club, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Dunstan:

It is rather difficult for me to say precisely what I will speak about to the Electrical Club on the 24th January, but I think I am safe in taking as my title: "Educational Adjustments resulting from the War".

Yours sincerely,

President.

February 16th, 1919

H. J. Dunstan, Esq.,

76 Adelaide Street West,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Dunstan:

I would suggest the names of the following members of the staff as men who would probably give you a very interesting talk at your luncheons:

Professor Brailsford Robertson, Department of Biochemistry
Professor J. J. R. Macleod, Department of Physiology
Professor W. A. Mackenzie, Department of Mathematics
Professor R. M. MacIver, Department of Economics
Professor A. P. Coleman, Department of Geology
Professor J. P. MacMurrich, Department of Anatomy
Professor H. H. Price, Department of Electrical Engineering
and Dr. H. D. Defries, Acting Director of the Connaught Laboratories for the manufacture of sera.

I think that among these you will be able to get a number of men who would give interesting addresses.

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 22nd, 1919

S. S. Houston, Esq.,

Chairman of the Board of Trade,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Houston:

Will you allow me to lay before you a project which I hope will appeal to you, and if it does I trust that you will endeavour to secure the co-operation of the Board of Trade for carrying it out ? In the development of the commerce of Canada which we are sure is better than it has ever been we must make great strides in the immediate future if we are to meet our obligations. There is particular need of an intelligent understanding of the natural resources of the world, and the openings that might be expected to provide opportunity for the development of Canadian trade and commerce Canada in the next few years will require experts in such matters as these: men who understand the world's situation. We have men trained thoroughly not only in the ordinary methods in commerce and economics, but who are sufficiently well grounded in the movement of foreign trade to be able to give advice at a time of our national expansion. In the universities of the Dominion there are many young men who with the proper training could be made to fill with great efficiency positions in foreign trade and the Consular services; if the openings existed we could even now provide a number. The University is able to give them a thoroughly good training in the

ordinary branches of economics and the scientific and linguistic preparations which would fit them for such a position. There should, however, be in the near future a development on the side of geography. Even now we are able to provide a certain amount of training in physical geography, but it is economic geography that is much more urgently required in the training of such men as I have in view. So far as I am aware, there is not in the Dominion of Canada a single chair in economic geography. I believe that the University of Toronto with its large equipment and its excellent body of students is the place in which such a chair should be first established, and I am writing to you in the hope that you will agree with me that the Board of Trade of Toronto might very naturally provide such a chair in the University. The position should be that of a professorship, and the salary not less than $5000 a year. If we could secure an expert in this subject in the University I believe that immediate benefit would result to the country and to the city. I do not need to assure you that the University already makes an enormous contribution to the commercial welfare of the City of Toronto. Directly and indirectly we bring to this city in the neighborhood of two and a half millions of dollars a year, to say nothing of the even greater indirect advantages. I think therefore that it is not expecting a very great deal to hope that the Board of Trade might see its way to recognise something of the value that the University is to the City by establishing in the University a Chair which could have so much direct relation to the general policies

of the Board of Trade.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.